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FORM ALBANIAN EXILE GROUPS IN YUGOSLAVIA

ANTI-HOXHA GROUP IN YUGOSLAVIA -- Izmir, Anadolu, 22 Jul 51

Bucharest, 22 July (Turkish News Agency) -- A new secret organization has reportedly been established in Yugoslavia to oppose the Enver Hoxha regime in Albania. The organization, which is directed by a seven-man committee, has its headquarters in the town of Kristina in the Kossovo area.

DOUBTS EFFECTIVENESS OF PRIZREN COMMITTEE -- Istanbul, Yeni Istanbul, 6 Sep 51

Several months ago, a group of refugee Albanians who had fled to Yugoslavia to escape the purges being conducted by the Albanian Communist Party met in Prizren, Yugoslavia, and formed an action committee resembling the Free Albania Committee. The head of the new Prizren Committee is Apostol Tanev, a teacher of Bulgarian extraction.

The selection of Prizren is a reflection of Belgrade's attempts to win the sympathy of the Albanians, for Prizren holds historic value for the Albanians. Tito's purpose in assembling these refugees was to exert a psychological influence on the Albanians. However, since he had protested shortly before the activity of anti-Communist Albanians on the grounds that it was endangering the peace of the Balkans, it might well be asked if the formation of the new committee is not also a threat to the peace of the area. Actually, Tito will probably successfully stand off the danger threatening him from the East. The danger, of course, is real; but Tito needs help from the West, and it is to his interests to magnify the danger. Moreover, Hoxha poses no threat for Tito, for the former is fully occupied with efforts to remain in power and to stamp out discontent among the people.

Since the Prizren Committee will not be able to extend Tito any effective aid, the reason for its creation must be sought elsewhere. Some people claim that Tito wishes to create an independent committee of refugee Albanians loyal to himself. Others claim that he has not given up his idea of establishing an Albanian Republic within the Yugoslav Federation. The second theory seems closer to the truth.

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Tito has reportedly placed Dushan Mugosha, leader of the Albanian partisan forces from 1941 to 1944, in charge of anti-Hoxha activity, hoping to create a Titoist trend among Albanian Communists. But thus far, no Titoism has been observed in Albania; Stalin's agents do not give Albanian Communists an opportunity to express their discontent.

An old Albanian dream is to annex the Kossovo area, but it seems more likely that Kossovo will annex Albania. In short, it is doubtful that the Prizren Committee will play any role whatever in the Balkans.

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